

EITEM AGENDA / AGENDA ITEM: 8**Cyd-bwyllgor Canolbarth Cymru ar gyfer Iechyd a Gofal /
Mid Wales Joint Committee for Health and Care**

Dyddiad y Cyfarfod: Date of Meeting:	27 th June 2022		
Eitem ar yr Agenda: Title of Report:	Recovery in Mid Wales		
Arweinydd: Lead:	Steve Moore, Chief Executive, Hywel Dda University Health Board and Lead Chief Executive for the Mid Wales Joint Committee Peter Skitt, Ceredigion County Director and Mid Wales Joint Committee Programme Director		
Pwrpas yr adroddiad: Purpose of the Report:	To receive a report outlining how organisational COVID-19 recovery plans are supporting the position across Mid Wales.	Ar gyfer cytundeb For Agreement	
		Ar gyfer trafodaeth For Discussion	✓
		Ar gyfer gwybodaeth For Information	

Crynodeb / Summary

Over the last 2 years, the COVID-19 pandemic has significantly impacted on the delivery of health and social care services with organisations required to focus their time and resources on responding to the pandemic.

In December 2021, due to the ongoing uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic at that time, the Welsh Government determined that it was not feasible for NHS organisations to return to the three year planning cycle and that they would be required to submit an Annual Plan for the period April 2021 to March 2022 which built on the quarterly plans developed during 2020/21. Health Boards were required to submit the first iteration of their 2020/21 COVID-19 recovery /annual plans to the Welsh Government at the end of March 2021. Key feedback of relevance to Mid Wales was that the identification of new regional solutions was essential to deliver equity of access to services and that there was an expectation that regional discussions continued in quarter 1 of 2021/22 (April to June 2021). Local Authorities do not follow the same planning framework requirements as those for Health Boards, however, they did develop recovery plans for those services which were affected by the pandemic.

The NHS Wales Planning Framework for 2022-25 was issued in late 2021 and is the first NHS Planning Framework of the new Government term. The Framework looks ahead to the next three years to deliver sustainable services for patients in Wales. The requirement for organisations was to produce a three year Integrated Medium Term Plan (IMTP) covering the period 2022-2025. The framework noted that the partnership and collaboration across the system in Wales since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic has been exceptional and that this approach needed to be harnessed to deliver the innovation and improvements needed, including for the long waiting lists that have grown significantly during the pandemic. Also regional planning remains a key Ministerial priority and should continue to be reflected as core business via the Health Boards' respective IMTPs. Local Authorities do not follow the same planning framework requirements as those for Health Boards, however, they do develop their own plans either as recovery plans or integrated partnership plans.

The latest position on organisational plans across Mid Wales covering the 2022/23 period is as follows:

- **Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board**

The Health Board submitted their Integrated Medium Term Plan 2022/25 to the Welsh Government at the end of March 2022. However, they are revising elements of the Minimum Data Set (MDS) as are other Health Boards, following further discussions and review with Welsh Government, so this will change.

- **Hywel Dda University Health Board**

Hywel Dda University Health Board are in the process of refreshing their Annual Plan which will be completed by the end of June 2022 for approval by the Board at their July meeting.

- **Powys Teaching Health Board**

Powys Teaching Health Board submitted their Integrated Medium Term Plan 2022/25 to the Welsh Government at the end of March 2022.

- **Ceredigion County Council**

Ceredigion County Council do not have an up to date COVID-19 recovery plan. However, there are a number of plans in place relating to their partnership arrangements in Ceredigion including the integrated plan.

- **Powys County Council**

Powys County Council have two recovery plans in place – Powys Adult Services Recovery Plan and Children’s Services Reset, Recover, Reshape Project Plan.

- **Gwynedd Council**

No update received at the time of writing this report.

At the Mid Wales Planning and Executive Delivery Group on 25th April 2022 it was noted that there was public interest in the alignment of recovery planning across Mid Wales and the restarting of services, in particular around scheduled care and waiting lists. Health Board plans submitted to Welsh Government are very detailed and a process was needed to clarify how all organisational plans supported the needs of the Mid Wales population. Also a mechanism was required to quantify recovery and progress.

Following a subsequent meeting between the Mid Wales Joint Committee (MWJC) Programme Director and the Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) Director of Planning it was agreed that the MWJC be asked to consider the following proposed approach for recovery planning across Mid Wales and for this to be developed in stages as follows:

1. **Total view from Health Boards / Local Authorities**

Health

As part of their Annual Plan/IMTP submissions to Welsh Government, Health Boards are required to submit Minimum Data Set annex and as such consistent information is available across Health Boards although this information is Health Board specific and not Mid Wales specific.

The total view from Health Boards areas to be considered initially. The Hywel Dda UHB focus to be on Bronlais General Hospital whilst being mindful that residents from Mid

Wales also receive treatment at other sites outside of the Mid Wales catchment area.

Social Care

The future arrangements for the MWJC report at Agenda Item 3 proposes the establishment of a Mid Wales Social Care Group in order to strengthen the focus on Social Care and the alignment of plans for social care services across Mid Wales. The Head of Commissioning - Adults and Children's Services for Powys County Council has agreed to lead on the establishment of such a group, if approved by the MWJC, and has been in contact with colleagues for Gwynedd and Ceredigion Councils regarding their views on setting up such a group.

The Mid Wales Social Group to be asked to provide the overall position for each of the Local Authorities.

2. Mid Wales view

Health

The Mid Wales specific information to be extracted from the overall position reported to Welsh Government. Health Board Informatics leads to be asked to established a mechanism for drawing out Mid Wales specific information.

Social Care

The Mid Wales Social Care Group to be asked to provide the Mid Wales position.

The process for alignment between health and social care information to be considered by the Mid Wales Planning and Delivery Executive Group at the same time as consideration of the Mid Wales Social Care group reporting arrangements.

Argymhelliad / Recommendation

For information - The Joint Committee are asked to discuss the proposed approach to recovery plans for Mid Wales.